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2183, SHRI V. HANUMANIHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA TION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has be Jn drawn to the news-item appeared in the 'Economic Times' dated the 21st jul, 1997, captioned "Ministry clips outgohig Air Indian MD's bid to rush throug'i 40 foreign postings";

(b) if so, the names of the 40 officers and the correspoading 40 foreign postings' titles;

(c) whether any action will be iaitia-ted in this regard; and

(d) steps proposed to seek an explanation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM) (a)

Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the list of foreigm postings at Annexure *(See Appen dix* 181, *Annexure No,* 54) .

(c) Officers against whom there i's no vigilance/disciplinary case pending or contermplated will *he* released for foreign postinies after obtaining visa and work permit, if there are no other compelling circumstances for changing the orders in any particular case.

(d) Does not arise.

Regonal airline with night half facility at Norte-East

2184. SHRI NABAM REBfA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIAHON be pleased to state:

(a) ivhether *[t* is a fact that Government 'elave decided to float a regional airline with night half facility in the North-Kastern region to develop tourism;

(b) *nho* would have a major stake in the airlines—The North-East Coimcil (NEC) or Indian Airlines LixBiteeJ or Ministry of Home Affairs; and

(c) whether bigger presence of Tourism Finance Corporation Limited (TFCIL), Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDQ wbuld be considered in the North-East; if so, details thereof?

THE MINISlER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM) (a) to (c) No, Sir. Only a concept paper on "Regional Airline in North-East" has been received from the Indian Airlines, Various options/models for operation of dedicated services in North-Eait region have been suggested. The paper is under examination.

DGCA Flight Inspector for helicopters

2185. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Ministesr of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact thAt there is no DGCA Flight Inspector for helicopters; and

(b) if so, what is being done about this?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM) (a) and (b) There is one sanctioned post of Inspector of Flying/Flight Operation Inspector (Helicopter) in ttfeeoffice of Directorate General of Civil Aviation. The post is presently vacant due to the retirement of the last incumbeni; of the post. ActioM to fill up the post is being taken in accordance with prescribed procedures.

Mjd-air collision over Delhi

2186. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJA-RY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA TION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item in The Times of India (ND) dated 25th June, 1997 under the captioned 'Mid-air collision over Delhi averted for 570 passengers ATC suspended, if so, details of the incident;

(b) whether similar incidents have taken place during the current ysar, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken/ propose to take to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL A VIA- 1 TION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM) *(a),* Yes Sir. On 22-6-97, the Radar Controller at Delhi Airport instructed the arriving Romanian aircraft to descend oa Radial 255 to 17000 feet while clearing the departing Gulf Air aircraft to climb to 22000 feet on thef same radial. The Romanian flight crew reduced his rate of descent as per the Traffic Collision Avoidance System advice on his aircraft.

(b) Yes, Sir. 2 similar incidents took place during the current year. The details *lire* as follows:—

(i) Malaysian Airlines aircraft while operating on Dubai-Kualalumpur sector on 17-1-1997 made an emergency escent due to in-flight snag from 37,000 feet altitude to 29,000 feet ltitude and passed through the level of Singapore Airlines flight operating on Singapore-Mumbai sectore maintaining 31,000 feet altitude. Singapore Airlines aircraft received a Traffic Collision Avoidance System warning on the aircraft and avoided the Malaysian Airlines flight by descending. The incident occurred due to in-flight emergen(ty of the Malaysian Airlines aircraft.

(ii) Air India aircraft while departing from Delhi Airport for its flightto Mumbai on 2'ad April, 1997 wheni climbing to 261,00(0 feet and United Airlines aircraft on its flight from London to iDelhi while descending to 15,000 feet, had an airmiss at about 30 NM from Delhi. The Traffic Cblli-siqnAvoidance Siystem was received by both the aircraft after which United Airlines aircraft reduced its rate of descent anj Air India aircraft reduced i'ts rate of climib. The incient occurred due to cloudy weather and the Control.ler's failure to weather andtical separation between in two air-craf.

(c) The main step taken to avoid chances of mid-air collision are: (i) Refresher courses to update professional knowledge of Air Traffic CoatroUers, (ii) Periodical proficiency check«i of Air Traffic Controllers, (iii) Modernisation of Air Traffic Services at Delhi and Mumbai airports, (iv) Proper maintenance of navigation, communication and landing facilities, and (v) Compulsory installation of ACAS in a time-boMnd manner on every aircraft flying in Indian
skies,

Helplessness *of* companies against counterfeiters

2187. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of
the Press Report in the Tribime dated the 26th May, 1997 under the caption "Companies helpless against .counterfeit ers";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government picpose to take against counterfeit manufacturers who are having a flourishing business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRl BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

. "संघ का अमरीका पर जैविक संसाधन चुराने का आरोप"शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार

2188. **डा.महेश चन्द्र शर्मा**: क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 9 जुलाई,1997 की राजस्थान पत्रिका जयपुर में "संघ का अमरीका पर जैविक संसाधन चुराने का आरोप" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;